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Sir:

I, Yuichiro Higashi, a citizen of Japan, hereby declare and state the following:

I am a coinventor with Yasuhide Hamada of the above-identified application.

I am familiar with the prosecution of the above-identified application, including Japanese Application No. 2003-057981, which is applied as prior art.

I am a coinventor with Yasuhide Hamada of JP 2003-057981.

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